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In re patent application of  
Achim DICKMANNS et al.

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Title: IMMORTALIZED EPITHELIAL TUMOR CELL

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2001. Enclosed is a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time to extend the time to respond until August 15, 2001, which is within the statutory period. In the event, the request and fee is absent, please consider this paragraph as the request for the extension of time and an authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee from Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Twice amended) An immortalized, non-small cell lung cancer, epithelial tumor cell with metastatic potential which has integrated in its genome or another replicative genetic element an externally introduced immortalizing oncogene which is expressed in said cell.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 16-22, 29-31, 33-35 and 38 are pending and under examination.

Claim 1 is amended to include the feature that the immortalized epithelial tumor cells are non small cell lung cancer cells or non-SCLCs. Support for this amendment is found in the detailed description of Figure 4, with reference to panel D, on page 17 of the specification. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's withdrawal of the previous rejections based on 35